

Enacted House Bills Signed into Law - 2004 Legislative Session - June 1, 2004

- **Enacted***- Bill enacted by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor with chapter number (Laws of 2004)
- Board – Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland
- JCP – Joint Committee on Pensions
- All bills below are effective July 1, 2004 unless noted

| Bill # | Lead Sponsor | Status | Bill Title and Summary |
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| HB507 | Chairman of Appropriations – Departmental Request | Enacted* Chapter 48 | State Personnel and Pensions-Temporary or Contractual Reemployment of Retirees of the Workforce Reduction Act Eliminates special requirement for participants in the State Early Retirement Incentive Program (1996) for returning to State employment. |
| HB644 | Delegate James- Chair of JCP | Enacted* Chapter 193 | Disability Retirement Benefits- Reduction for Workers' Compensation Benefits- Occupational Diseases Repeals requirement that the Board reduce disability benefits by workers' compensation benefits if the disability resulted from occupational disease. |
| HB891 | Delegate James Chair of JCP | Enacted Chapter 522 | Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – DROP – Creditable Service Clarifies that DROP participation for members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System begins after accruing 25 years of creditable (full-time) service. |
| HB892 | Delegate James Chair of JCP | Enacted* Chapter 383 | State Retirement and Pension System –Administrative and Operational Expenses- Allocation of Cost Permits the Retirement Agency to account for each system's expenses with administrative costs based on membership and investment costs based on assets held. |
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| HB1057 | Delegate James Chair of JCP | Enacted Chapter 532 | State Retirement and Pension System- Administration- Simplification Omnibus proposal to simplify pension code including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminates the retirement tier within LEOPS for new members after December 31, 2004; • discontinues the Local Fire and Police Plan for new employers as of December 31, 2004; • discontinues transfers from Retirement to Pension System as of December 31, 2004; • Discontinues “step down” to lesser plan selections after December 31, 2004; • discontinues voluntary employee contributions. |
| HB1125 | Delegates Cluster et. al. | Enacted Chapter 534 | Task Force on the Exemption of Law Enforcement Officers’ Pensions from Taxation Creates task force to study exempting law enforcement pensions from State taxes. Effective June 1, 2004. |